

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for providing a dental hygiene effect which method comprises placing ~~chewing~~ a low moisture chewing gum in the oral cavity comprising:

- (a) from about 10% to about 95% by weight gum base; and,
- (b) from about 0.1% to about 15%% by weight of sodium bicarbonate, and,
- (c) from about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of CPP-ACP wherein the sodium bicarbonate and CPP-ACP are kept separate from each other until chewing; and,

chewing the low moisture chewing gum for a time sufficient to provide said dental hygiene effect.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1 wherein the low moisture chewing gum is a sugarless gum.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1 wherein the low moisture chewing ~~the~~ gum comprises:

- (a) from about 0.1% to about 10%% by weight of sodium bicarbonate, and,
- (b) from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of CPP-ACP.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method for providing a dental hygiene effect which method comprises chewing a low moisture confection comprising:

- (a) from about 10% to about 95% by weight confectionery base,

- (b) from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight of sodium bicarbonate, and,
- (c) from about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of CPP-ACP, said sodium bicarbonate and CPP-ACP being separated from each other.

Claim 5 (original). The method according to claim 4 wherein the confection is a pressed candy confection.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to claim 4 wherein the confection comprises:

- (a) from about 0.1% to about 10%% by weight of sodium bicarbonate, and,
- (b) from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of CPP-ACP.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A low moisture chewing gum comprising:

- (a) from about 10% to about 95% by weight gum base; and,
- (b) from about 0.1% to about 15% by weight of sodium bicarbonated₇₁ and,
- (c) from about 0.01% to about 30% by weight of CPP-ACP₇₁; said sodium bicarbonate and said CPP-ACP component being separated from each other.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The gum according to claim 7 wherein the low moisture chewing gum is a sugarless gum.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The low moisture chewing gum according to claim 7 wherein the ~~the~~ gum comprises:

- (a) from about 0.1% to about 10%% by weight of sodium bicarbonate₁₂ and,
- (b) from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of CPP-ACP.

Claims 10 – 12 (canceled).